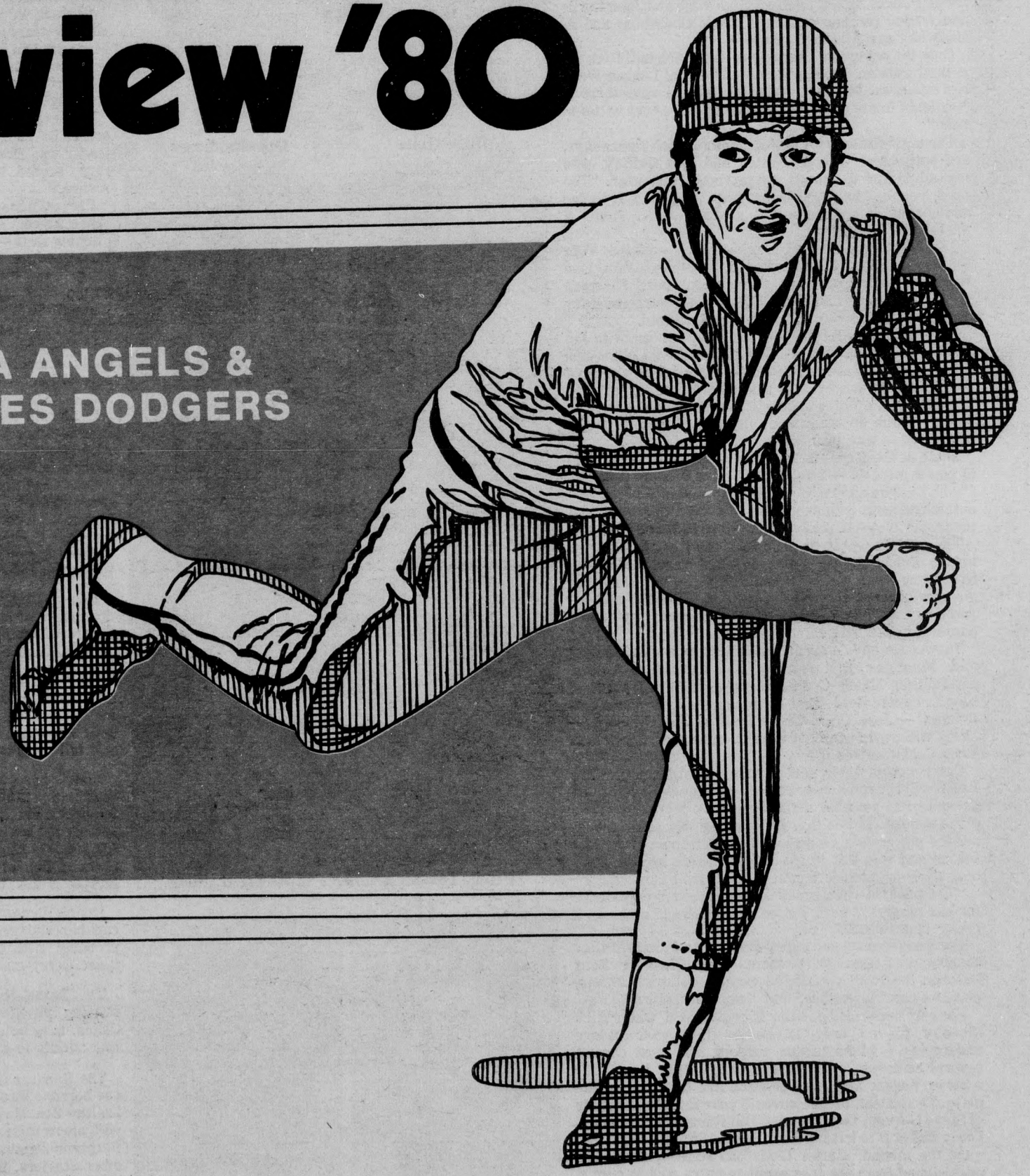
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Reds stand pat, rest strengthen

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

Nolan Ryan and Joe Morgan are Houston Astros. The Los Angeles Dodgers added Dave Goltz and Don Stanhouse. Rennie Stennett, Milt May and Jim Wohlford now perform for the San Francisco Giants. The San Diego Padres signed pitchers Rick Wise and John Curtis and traded for four regulars. Chris Chambliss and Al Hrabosky are Atlanta Braves.

Only the defending champions, the Cincinnati Reds, as is their custom, stood pat in the National League West. Nevertheless, Manager John McNamara says there is "no doubt in my mind that the Reds will be even better in 1980."

The main reasons for that statement, McNamara says, are outfielders George Foster and Ken Griffey, who missed 40 and 66 games, respectively, last year. "Too many people," he says, "judge improvement only by the number of free agents that a team signs. That's a mistake."

The Reds have a lot of familiar faces — pitcher Tom Seaver, catcher Johnny Bench, first baseman Dan Driessen, shortstop Dave Concepcion, third baseman Ray Knight (who hit .318 in 1979 as the replacement for departed Pete Rose) and Foster in left field.

Reserve Junior Kennedy is the likely successor to Joe Morgan at second base, while Griffey, Dave Collins and Cesar Geronimo are contesting for the other two outfield spots. Griffey, however, is coming off knee surgery and is engaged in a bitter salary hassle that led the Reds to put his name on the waiver list to see who might be interested in him in a trade.

Much of the Reds' 1979 success was due to the arrival of young pitchers — starters Mike LaCoss and Upland's Frank Pastore and reliever Tom Hume. Much of the 1980 outlook depends on how well Bill Bonham recovers from the tender elbow that has plagued him for several years.

The punchless Astros, who took the Reds to the wire before finishing 1½ games out last year, added the fireballing Ryan (for a $1 million a year) to a staff that already boasted flamethrowing J.R. Richard and 21-game-winning knuckleballer Joe Niekro, with Joe Sambito in the bullpen.

The Astros have a surplus of infielders and outfielders and Manager Bill Virdon has countless lineup possibilities. Cesar Cedeno has moved back from first base to center field. That means one of last year's outfielders — Jose Cruz, Terry Puhl or Jeff Leonard — likely will switch to first base ... unless third baseman Enos Cabell moves there.

Catcher Alan Ashby and shortstop Craig Reynolds are fixtures but it remains to be seen how much Houston can get out of 36-year-old second baseman Morgan — if he plays second. If healthy, he could supply some much-needed power to a club that hit only 49 home runs last season and was last in the league in runs scored. They did, however, steal a league-leading 190 bases.

"The pennant race provided some needed experience for our players," says Virdon. "That should make us a better club in 1980."

The Dodgers dropped out of the race early in 1979 after winning two straight pennants, but Manager Tom Lasorda, baseball's reigning eternal optimist, insists, like Douglas MacArthur, that "we shall return."

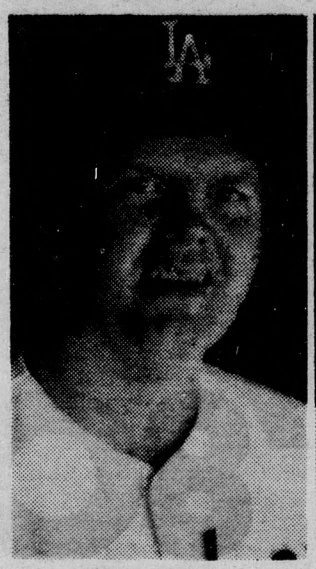
The only undecided position is center field, where Rick Monday played only 12 games last year before undergoing Achilles tendon surgery and must contest several holdovers, plus hotshot rookie Rudy Law.

Steve Yeager and Joe Ferguson are back behind the plate. The infield, for the seventh year in a row, consists of Steve Garvey, Davey Lopes, Bill Russell and Ron Cey. Dusty Baker is in left field and Reggie Smith in right.

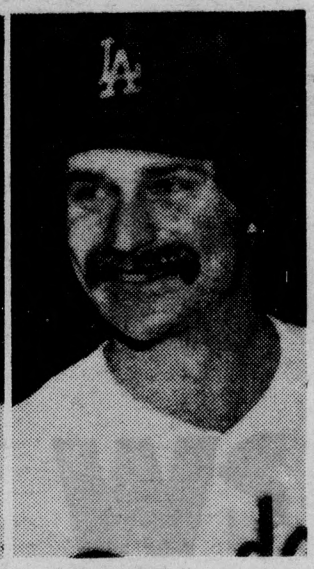
On the mound, starter Goltz and reliever Stanhouse were signed from the free agent re-entry pool to cure a couple of question marks. Burt Hooton, Rick Sutcliffe and Don Sutton are other starters.

In San Francisco, Dave Bristol begins his first full season as manager with a new catcher (May) and second baseman (Stennett). They won't be nearly enough unless starting pitchers Vida Blue, John Montefusco, Bob Knepper and Ed Halicki, along with right fielder Jack Clark, all bounce back from subpar years and first

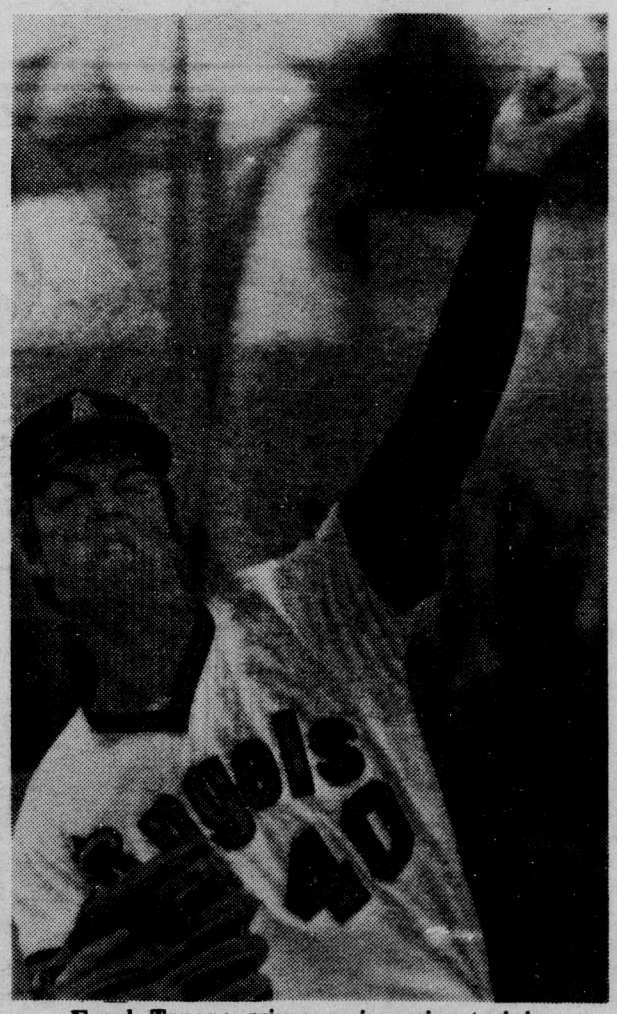
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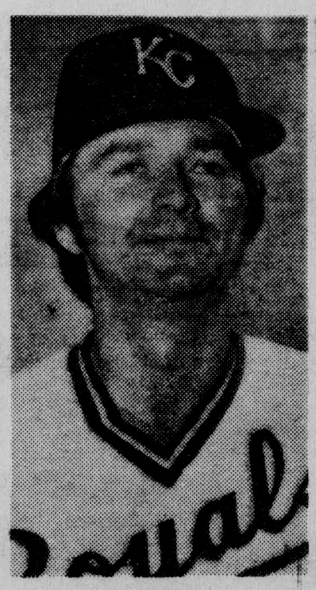
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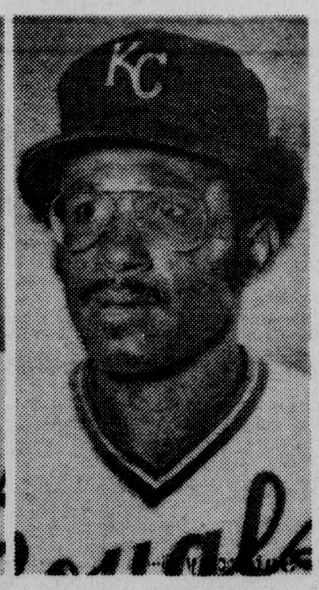
Don Stanhouse



Frank Tanana grimaces in spring training



Fred Patek



Al Cowens

Autry continues to build winners

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

Gene Autry, the Cowboy, the good guy in the white hat, owner of the California Angels, finally triumphed over the bad guys in the American League West last season. A half-pennant won't be enough satisfaction this time.

"I think we have the best team in our division and we should win again — providing we play well," says Manager Jim Fregosi. "We gained a lot of experience by going through a pennant race and a championship series. It's part of maturing, part of growing up. I feel the team is ready to go all the way now."

The Angels were plagued by injuries last year but still scored 866 runs, most in the majors in 15 years. The ringleader was Don Baylor, who hit 36 homers, drove in 139 runs, scored 120 and won the Most Valuable Player Award.

Fregosi's major worries concern outfielders Dan Ford (knee surgery) and Joe Rudi (Achilles tendon) and the pitching staff — free agent Nolan Ryan has gone home to Texas and the Houston Astros, while Frank Tanana and Chris Knapp missed much of 1979. Hopefully, Tanana and Knapp will join Dave Frost and Bruce Kison, who jumped the world champion Pittsburgh Pirates, in the starting rotation.

In the bullpen, rookie standout Mark Clear slumped badly after a superb start and only the late-season acquisition of John Montague from Seattle enabled the Angels to fend off Kansas City.

California made a major off - season trade, sending first baseman Willie Aikens to Kansas City for outfielder Al Cowens. The presence of seven - time AL batting champion Rod Carew at first and Baylor for DH made Aikens expendable. Other key Angels are catcher Brian Downing (at .326 the top right-handed hitter in the league), second baseman Bobby Grich and third baseman Carney Lansford. At shortstop, Fred Patek and Todd Cruz came from Kansas City to battle with veteran Bert Campaneris and young Dickie Thon.

Kansas City stuck with Whitey Herzog through three division championships — and no pennants — then fired him for finishing three games out. The new boss is long-time Baltimore coach Jim Frey.

Frey was hit with an immediate problem when All-Star catcher Darrell Porter left the team to be treated for alcoholism. Porter is not expected to be released until late April. Until he returns, the catching burden will fall on John Wathan and Jamie Quirk.

Aikens has been handed the first base job while U.L. Washington taking over for Patek at shortstop. The other infielders are standouts, third baseman George Brett and second baseman Frank White. Speedy Willie Wilson (83 steals), Amos Otis and Clint Hurdle, the heralded phenom flop of 1978, form the outfield. Veteran Hal McRae is the DH.

Dennis Leonard, Paul Splittorff and Larry Gura are capable starters but the key to the Royals' season probably will be how well Renie Martin and Dan Quisenberry man the bullpen with Al Hrabosky gone.

The Texas Rangers have a new owner and a new starting pitcher. The former, septuagenarian Eddie Chiles, may be only slightly older than Gaylord Perry, who admits to 41.

The Rangers finished five games out last year despite one horrible stretch in which they lost 30 of 40 games. A healthy Jon Matlack, who missed most of last season with elbow miseries and won only five games, is a must. Ferguson Jenkins, Steve Comer and Doc Medich are the other starters, but one of them could lose out to fireballing Danny Darwin. Jim Kern and Sparky Lyle form a top-flight relief corps.

Texas will have center fielder Mickey Rivers from the start, but the New York Yankees gave up on him because he didn't put out all the time. When he comes to play he can spark any offense, especially one that also boasts outfielder Al Oliver, third baseman Buddy Bell, first baseman Pat Putnam, DH Richie Zisk, catcher Jim

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N.L. East

Can Pirate Family repeat?

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
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Chuck Tanner, manager of the world champion Pittsburgh Pirates, knows that "other clubs are going to be gunning for us," but insists his Beat'em-Bucs Fam-a-lee "will rise to the challenge."

The Pirates know all about challenges. They stormed from a 3-1 World Series deficit to win three games in a row and capture the world championship last year. Still, they only finished two games in front of the Montreal Expos and a stand-pat lineup may not be enough to withstand the loss of pitcher Bruce Kison to free agency and repeat in the National League East.

Dave Parker is a superstar in right field and so is wondrous Willie Stargell, the miracle man of 1979, at first base. But the Pirates call him "Pops" because he is 39 years old, not for the home runs he pops.

Elsewhere, the faces are familiar. Ed Ott and Steve Nicosia will share the catching, Second baseman Phil Garner and shortstop Tim Foli form a solid doubie play combination, and third baseman Bill Madlock and center fielder Omar Moreno are outstanding. John Milner and Bill Robinson again will split left field.

The pitching staff will get a boost if Don Robinson can bounce back from shoulder surgery to join starters John Candelaria, Bert Blyleven and Jim Bibby, backed by a strong bullpen of Kent Tekulve, Grant Jackson and Enrique Romo.

"Some may think that just because we won it all in 1979 we'll rest on our laurels," Tanner says. "Anybody who thinks that doesn't know me — and, more importantly, doesn't know my ballplayers."

Montreal, which had the third-best record in baseball last year, lost first baseman Tony Perez and pitcher Rudy May to free agency and traded pitcher Dan Schatzeder to Detroit for outfielder Ron LeFlore. LeFlore will take over in left field, and Warren Cromartie apparently will take over first base, since veteran Rusty Staub was traded to the American League Texas Rangers.

The rest of the Expos' slick outfield remains the same — Andre Dawson in center, Ellis Valentine in right. Rodney Scott (2B), Chris Speier (SS) and Larry Parrish (3B), on the verge of stardom after a 30 - homer campaign, round out the infield, while Gary Carter is one of the best receivers in the game. LeFlore, Scott and

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Orioles face stiff challenge

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Sports Writer

As usual, the Baltimore Orioles lost another free agent (relief ace Don Stanhouse) and the New York Yankees signed some (first baseman Bob Watson, pitcher Rudy May). Also as usual, the Yankees fired Manager Billy Martin.

But neither the Orioles, the defending American League champions, nor the Yankees, who won the pennant the previous three years, is a cinch in the competitive East Division, which features four managers starting their first full seasons and another, Milwaukee's George Bamberger, on the sidelines after heart surgery.

Of the other contenders, Milwaukee's runnerup Brewers stood pat, the third-place Boston Red Sox lost Watson to the Yankees but added free agent first

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Pirate Family

When the Pittsburgh Pirates won the World Series last year, their theme song was a disco hit by Sister Sledge, "We Are Family." That was evident during spring camps as Willie Stargell's foster grandfather, 73-year-old Dr. Charles Stout, enjoyed a couple of days in camp. In the foreground is another key member of the Family, reliever Kent Tekulve. (AP photo)

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Players gain support for cause

By JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — It was only five years ago that the courts ruled that any baseball player could become a free agent at the expiration date of his contract. Now the owners want to, in effect, end free agency for all but the superstar.

So here's a vote for the players in the latest, and certainly most serious, hassle in major league history, a hassle that could leave the 1980 season in ruins.

The players decided last week to strike for the remainder of the exhibition season, then return to open the regular season Wednesday. But they'll review the situation on May 22, and a walkout at that time seems likely.

It's been made clear by both the Major League Players Association and team owners that free agent compensation is the major roadblock standing in the way of a basic four-year agreement to replace the one which expired last Dec. 31.

Both sides appear adamant in their stands.

The owners want compensation for a lost "highly sought" free agent whereby the signing team, after

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protecting 15 players, would lose a player to the team originally losing the free agent.

The players, meanwhile, say, in effect, "Why should we relinquish something we already have" — no compensation in such cases.

In 1975, it was ruled that Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally were free agents and so was anybody else upon expiration of his contract. The next year, the players made a couple of major concessions by agreeing that a player would have to be a major leaguer for six years before becoming a free agent and that he could negotiate with only as many as 13 teams.

Marvin Miller, the executive director of the Players Association, makes a number of rather significant points when he elaborates on this situation...

In most cases, players need three or four years of seasoning before they reach the majors. When you add in another six years at the big league level, most players have no say as to where they'll play for nine or 10 years.

When a player qualifies for free agency, or decides to take that route, he's not a kid anymore. Again, bear in mind that prior to this time, a player has to, essentially, take or leave what he's offered.

In the case of a superstar, it wouldn't matter that a team could protect 15 players and then lose somebody.

The top-flight player will command rich offers, compensation or not, but what about guys like Jay Johnstone, Freddie Patek, Joe Morgan, Rennie Stennett or John Curtis? These were among the players who signed free agent contracts during the most recent off-season.

Do you think that, say, the Dodgers would have signed Johnstone had they been able to protect only 15 players before giving someone up? The San Diego Padres, Johnstone's former team, would have probably had an opportunity at one of the young Dodger prospects, like outfielder Rudy Law, infielder-outfielder Mickey Hatcher or infielder Pedro Guerrero.

The point is, the Dodgers wouldn't have made what essentially would have been such a "trade" — Johnstone for Law? No way.

Would the Angels have signed the 35-year-old Patek and risked losing somebody after protecting 15 players? No way. Ditto the Astros and Morgan, the Giants and Stennett and the Padres and Curtis.

Miller mentioned Lee Lacy of the Pirates, who has never been a full-fledged regular but was in demand when he played out his option with the Dodgers after the 1978 season.

Where would the above-mentioned six players go under terms of the compensation the owners propose? Perhaps nowhere, maybe they'd be stuck because no team would risk the compensation in such cases.

The players might accept a compromise here, but only if a team could protect a lot more than 15 players. Fifteen players really isn't too many when you check out a roster. That doesn't leave room for many young prospects, not to mention other proven players.

Is it greedy for the players to want the free agent system to be continued, a system given full sanction by the courts?

Incidentally, from the beginning, it wasn't the players who offered multi-million dollar contracts to free agents, it was the owners.

The owners say they're worried about the future, that a few elite teams will eventually dominate down the road because they'll have all the top talent.

Perhaps that's true, but only last year three of the four division winners — Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Baltimore — didn't rely at all on free agents. And the year before, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Kansas City won without such measures.

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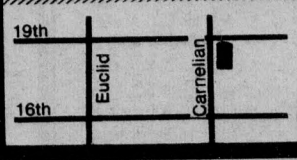
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California manager Jim Fregosi (11) and coach Bob Clear supervise training before players called a strike of exhibition games. (AP photo)

Angels in A.L. West ...

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Sundberg and second baseman Bump Wills.

To guard against deep slumps in the Texas summer heat, Manager Pat Corrales will try not to use anyone in more than 130 games.

The Minnesota Twins keep losing free agents. Nevertheless, they finished only six games out last year but now must find a replacement for Dave Goltz in the rotation. There are serious questions behind starters Jerry Koosman and Geoff Zahn and bullpen ace Mike Marshall.

The Twins have a fine young catcher in Butch Wynegar, a solid infield of Ron Jackson, Rob Wilfong, Roy Smalley and John Castino, and a budding star in outfielder Ken Landreaux.

Like Minnesota, maverick Bill Veeck's Chicago White Sox have stayed away from the millionaire free agent market. Nevertheless, they have managed to develop an outstanding young pitching rotation — all left-handed — of Ken Kravec, Richard Wortham, Ross Baumgarten and Steve Trout — plus Ed Farmer in the bullpen.

Elsewhere, however, there are too many questions, except for Lamar Johnson at first base or DHing, Alan Bannister and Jim Morrison somewhere in the infield, Chet Lemon in center field and Claudell Washington in left. Veeck is counting on a heralded young right fielder named Harold Baines whose nickname is "Cooperstown."

The Seattle Mariners have promising pitchers in starters Mike Parrott, Rick Honeycutt, Floyd Bannister and Jim Beattie, with Shane Rawley and Byron McLaughlin in the bullpen. Bruce Bochte at first, Julio Cruz at second and DH Willie Horton are proven performers but the outfield received a blow with Juan Beniquez' shoulder injury.

And that leaves the Oakland A's of Charlie Finley ... and Billy Martin. Baseball's new Odd Couple should keep things hopping.

The A's have fine catching, led by Jeff Newman; dangerous bats in DH Mitchell Page, first baseman Dave Revering and third baseman Wayne Gross, and talented young outfielders in Rickey Henderson, Dwayne Murphy and Tony Armas. Rick Langford heads a youthful pitching staff that could surprise.

Birds face Eastern challenge

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baseman Tony Perez from Montreal and reliever Skip Lockwood from the New York Mets, and the Detroit Tigers dealt center fielder Ron LeFlore to Montreal to make room for former Michigan State All-American footballer Kirk Gibson.

"Because we have such a young and strong nucleus," says Baltimore Manager Earl Weaver, "we will have to make very few personnel changes from a year ago."

Weaver's main chore will be grooming a reliever to replace Stanhouse, who took his 21 saves to the Los Angeles Dodgers as a free agent. The top candidate is 6-foot-7 Tim Stoddard, a right-hander, and a former North Carolina State basketball star. The left-handed reliever is Tippy Martinez.

The Orioles' staff led the league in earned run average and boasts five solid starters in Cy Young Award winner Mike Flanagan, Jim Palmer (he has won three Cy Young Awards), Scott McGregor, Dennis Martinez and Steve Stone. But arm miseries limited Palmer to 10 victories last season and have plagued Dennis Martinez this spring.

Rick Dempsey and Dave Skaggs are the catchers, and the infield again consists of Eddie Murray (1B), Rich Dauer (2B), Mark Belanger and Kiko Garcia at short and Doug DeCinces (3B). In the outfield are Gary Roenicke, Al Bumbry and Ken Singleton. Lee May, John Lowenstein and Terry Crowley will be the chief designated hitters.

The second-place Brewers finished eight games behind the Orioles. A healthy DH Larry Hisle, who was limited to 26 games by a shoulder injury, could make up some of the deficit, but the Brewers must get better relief work from a bullpen that has plenty of people but no standout. The starters — Mike Caldwell, Lary Sorensen, Bill Travers, Jim Slaton, Moose Haas — are solid, if unspectacular.

The lineup, even without Hisle, is loaded with power, especially first baseman Cecil Cooper, third baseman Sal Bando, all-purpose Don Money and the outfield of Ben Oglivie, Gorman Thomas (the league-leader with 45 home runs) and Sixto Lezcano. Robin Yount (SS) and Paul Molitor (2B) form a young and talented double play combination, and Charlie Moore and Buck Martinez handle the catching.

The key to Milwaukee's season may be how long the popular Bamberger is sidelined.

With Bill Campbell disabled again, the Red Sox have added bullpen help (Lockwood joins Dick Drago and Tom Burgmeier) and power — Perez and 40-year-old Carl Yastrzemski will split the 1B-DH chores and play long-ball with third baseman Butch Hobson and an outfield of Jim Rice, Fred Lynn and Dwight Evans. Rick Burleson (SS) and Jerry Remy (2B) are slick up the middle, but the starting pitching is thin behind Dennis Eckersley, Mike Torrez and Bob Stanley.

And then there is Carlton Fisk. If his ailing elbow doesn't permit him to catch, the Red Sox are in big trouble. Behind him is young Gary Allenson. Says Manager Don Zimmer, "If Fisk can catch and play 125 games I'd swim the ocean."

The Yankees have lots of new faces, starting with Manager Dick Howser, the former third base coach, who was brought in after a year of college coaching when Martin was fired in October.

The Yankees also lost their real leader, catcher Thurman Munson, in a plane crash last year. The new backstop is Rick Cerone, who came in a trade with Toronto, as did pitcher Tom Underwood. Other newcomers include free agent first baseman-DH Watson from Boston, center fielder Ruppert Jones from Seattle, veteran lefty May from Montreal and backup third baseman Eric Soderholm from Texas.

Howser also has Reggie Jackson in right, Jim Spencer at first, Graig Nettles at third, Willie Randolph at second, Bucky Dent at short and a pitching staff led by Ron Guidry and Tommy John, with Goose Gossage in the bullpen.

Sparky Anderson works his managerial magic for Detroit now. The Tigers are even younger than last year, with Gibson and Dave Stegman platooning in center. Another key is new third baseman Richie Hebner.

The Cleveland Indians beefed up their pitching by trading for John Denny from St. Louis — they gave up Bobby Bonds — and Bob Owchinko from San Diego. They join Rick Waits in the rotation, with Sid Monge in the bullpen. It won't be enough.

Prediction: Baltimore, New York, Milwaukee, Boston, Detroit, Cleveland, Toronto.



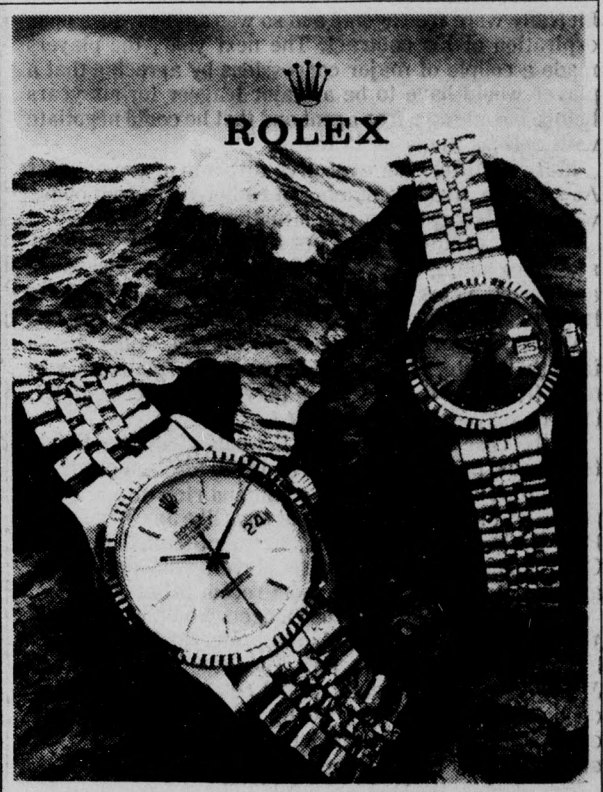
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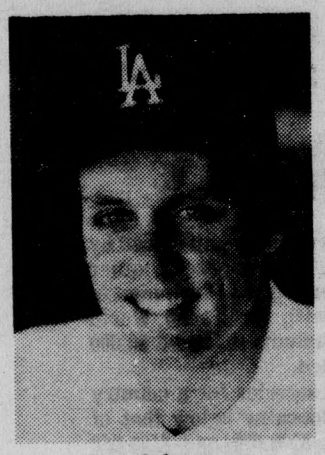


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Jay Johnstone

Ex-Padre enjoys stadium

LOS ANGELES — "I was a little apprehensive about signing with the Dodgers," Jay Johnstone said. "But the longer I'm with the team, the more I like it."

Johnstone, who looks more like 23 than his 33 years, now seems downright thrilled at wearing the Dodger blue — and for good reason.

"I've always liked to hit in Dodger Stadium," he said, "because I've always done well there while playing against the Dodgers."

The Dodgers had been stung so many times by Johnstone's hitting that they decided to amount an all-out offensive to capture him when he became a free agent after a brief stint with the San Diego Padres.

And "General" Peter O'Malley's task force landed him with apparent ease, although several other major league clubs also tossed some lucrative contracts his way.

"I beat 'em (Dodgers) three times while I was with San Diego last year," Johnstone said. "Although I had some apprehension about signing a contract with them, I jumped at it when the opportunity came.

"I feel I can help the club. I know the time will come when I'll be playing somewhere. I just want to get into the lineup and do the best I can."

It was the retirement of baseball's all-time pinch hitter, Manny Mota, that turned the eyes of the Dodgers on Johnstone.

In a way, they were lucky to get him, for other clubs tried to lure him with three-year contracts. The Dodgers landed his services with a two-year pact.

"I took the Dodger offer to be back home in California," Johnstone said. "I'll also be near my automotive business in Los Angeles.

"Besides, the length of a contract doesn't bother me. I have enough confidence in myself to not worry about

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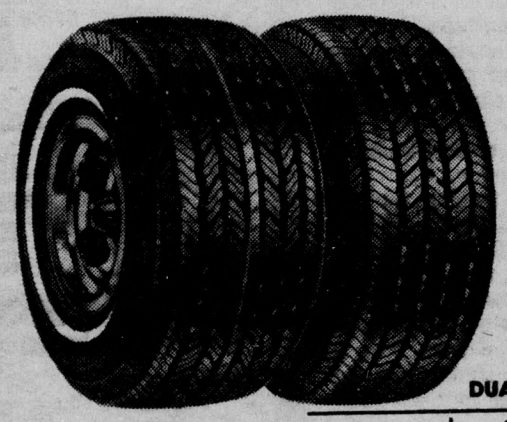
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Togetherness is the key word for the defending world champion Pittsburgh Pirates. When Dave Parker reached the Pirate camp earlier this spring at Bradenton, Fla., it was time for manager Chuck Tanner to celebrate. (UPI photo)

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Dawson provide exceptional speed at the top of the batting order.

However, there seems to be too many question marks on the mound — despite the league's best overall earned run average — where Steve Rogers was only 13-12, Ross Grimsley 10-9 and Scott Sanderson 9-8. There is no assurance that Bill Lee can repeat last year's 16-10 record and Woodie Fryman is a key man in the bullpen along with Elias Sosa, will be 40 years old next week.

"Going through the race we went through last year has to make us that much stronger," says Manager Dick Williams.

After three consecutive division titles, the Philadelphia Phillies were ravaged by injuries in 1979 and slipped to fourth place. It cost low-key Manager Danny Ozark his job late in the season and tough - guy Dallas Green took over.

If healthy, Green's starting eight can play with any team in the league, but they started as a unit only 74 times in 1979. Bob Boone is a talented catcher. The infield boasts strong bats — Pete Rose (1B) and Mike Schmidt (3B) — and good gloves — Manny Trillo (2B) and Larry Bowa (SS). The outfield of Greg Luzinski, Garry Maddox — who may be traded — and Bake McBride is backed by a capable bench, including heralded young Lonnie Smith. Luzinski has shed more than 20 pounds in an effort to erase memories of last year, when he slumped to .252 and 18 homers.

Steve Carlton and Nino Espinosa were the only starting pitchers who escaped the injury siege, but Espinosa came up with a sore shoulder this spring. Green is counting on healthy comebacks by starters Larry Christenson, Dick Ruthven and Randy Lerch. The bullpen, once rich in talent, is getting along in years.

The St. Louis Cardinals also have a star-studded lineup — Ted Simmons behind the plate; NL batting champ and co-MVP Keith Hernandez (.344), Ken Oberkfell, Garry Templeton (first player ever to get 100 hits from each side of the plate) and Ken Reitz around the infield; newcomer Bobby Bonds joining Tony Scott and George Hendrick in an outfield that has no room for minor league sensation Leon Durham. Bonds replaces retired stolen base king Lou Brock in left.

The pitching staff, however, is a series of question marks behind starters Bob Forsch, Pete Vuckovich, Silvio Martinez and John Fulgham (all righthanded, none a household name) and reliever Mark Littell.

The Chicago Cubs have a new manager in Preston Gomez but most of last year's same players who won only nine games in September and skidded to fifth place. The big names are major league home run champ Dave Kingman (46) in left field and Cy Young Award winner Bruce Sutter (37 saves) in the bullpen.

Bill Buckner, newcomer Mike Tyson, Ivan DeJesus and Steve Ontiveros form a capable infield but Jerry Martin is an unhappy (money) center fielder and catcher Barry Foote and Rick Reuschel, the top starting pitcher, have been ailing.

The new owners of the New York Mets shelled out $21.1 for a club that has finished last three years in a row. Then they spent hundreds of thousands to sign pitcher Craig Swan (40-45 for his career) and outfielder Joel Youngblood, who never has had a regular job.

Prediction: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Montreal, St. Louis, Chicago, New York.

30,000 crowd routine

Japanese baseball a hit

By DON SAWATO
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO — There's a true story about a Japanese youngster who went to the United States and was taken to a baseball stadium.

"Why," he exclaimed, "they've copied the game from the Japanese!"

His observation, while not historically correct, was indicative of how the American national pastime has become a part of Japanese life as well, since it was first introduced to this country by two American teachers at Sapporo Agricultural College in northern Japan 104 years ago.

The game really gained wide popularity in Japan in the 1930s, and today is big business as well as a national sport, with heroes that include not only home-grown stars but players from American professional baseball.

The quality of Japanese baseball is a subject of endless debate, but most authorities put it somewhere on the level of Class AA or AAA professional baseball in the United States.

Nobody has found a really good explanation why the Japanese are so crazy about "yakyu" or "besuboru," as they call the game.

From early spring until winter, children and adults swarm vacant lots and laid-out diamonds found in almost every neighborhood on the four main Japanese islands.

Just like their counterparts across the Pacific, Japanese youngsters dream of becoming big league players to gain athletic fame and fortune.

Here, spring and summer high school baseball championships are nationally televised as are college and non-professional intercity championships.

On the professional level, the two six-team leagues rake in more money than any other sports events, including the six annual 15-day sumo wrestling tournaments.

A crowd of 30,000 at a stadium for a routine weekend game is the rule rather than the exception.

Last year, the Central League, which includes the 1979 Japan champion Hiroshima Carp and the Yokohama Taiyo Whales, Chunichi Dragons, Hanshin Tigers, Yomiuri Giants and Yakult Swallows, drew a total of 10,752,000 fans, an increase of 7.6 percent over 1978.

The Pacific League, which includes the 1979 league champion Kintetsu Buffaloes, Hankyu Braves, Nippon Ham Fighters, Lotte Orions, Nankai Hawks and the Seibu Lions, attracted 5,220,000 fans, an increase of 27 percent over the 1978 season.

The 12 teams, playing 130 games each, are all owned by big railroad, department store, newspaper or other business combines. They begin spring training in January and finish the season with the Japan World Series in November, playing in stadiums that seat 30,000 to 50,000 fans and usually are filled.

Top Japanese players draw big salaries for a country in which the wage scale is considerably below that of Americans. They make between $100,000 and $125,000 annually.

Sadaharu Oh, the 39-year-old Yomiuri Giants' slugger

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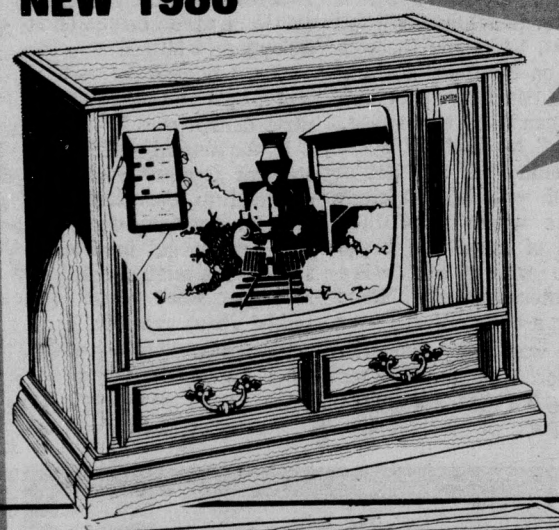
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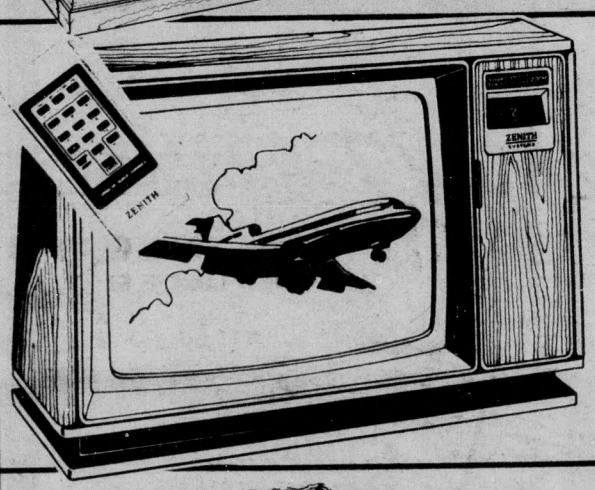
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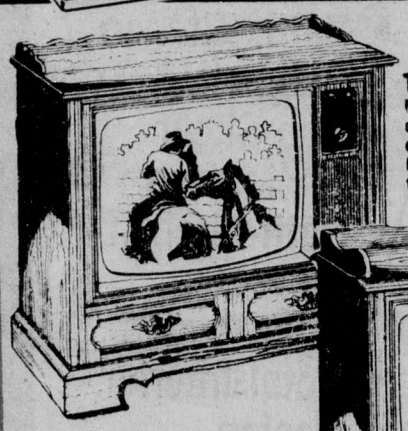
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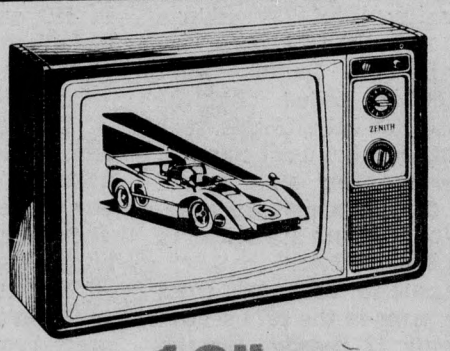
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It was a frustrating season for Rod Carew last year, bothered by a hand injury. Despite the minor handicap, the six-time American League batting champion hit .318 in his first campaign with the Anaheim club. Carew's pretty optimistic about this season, and he's healthy. (AP photo)

Carew to use two hands this season

By JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM — There aren't many baseball players around who can hit .318 and consider it an off-year. But, for that matter, there aren't many Rod Carews around, either.

Carew sunk to the depths — for him — of .318 last year, but as he put it recently: "I hit .318 with one hand."

The California Angels' first baseman quickly added, "I might turn around and hit .318 this year with two hands," but don't count on it. There are few who would challenge the claim that the lithe, 34-year-old Panamanian is baseball's finest hitter.

Carew came to the Angels from Minnesota prior to the 1979 season after playing 12 seasons for the Twins. During that time, he won seven American League batting championships.

He was sailing along in typical Carew fashion, hitting .355, when he suffered torn ligaments in his right thumb on a tag play at first base on June 1.

Carew didn't return to the lineup until July 21 and wasn't the same after that.

"My hand is back to where it was before," he said. "I really don't know how much I can do this year, I just go out and do the best I can. I'm not amazed at what I can do with the bat anymore.

"When you get hurt by a quick accident, it's frustrating. It's no fun being out when you're accustomed to playing every day. Good health is all I ever ask for, if you're healthy, you're going to go out there and do your job."

What a job Carew has done since joining the Twins in 1967! His lifetime batting average is .333, and despite his .318 of last year, he hit at a .343 clip during the decade of the '70s.

Carew's 1977 season has to be considered one of the greatest ever for a non-power hitter. He hit .388 that year, scored 128 runs, knocked in 100 and collected 239 hits — including 38 doubles, 16 triples and 14 home runs.

Can that season be duplicated?

"You really have to have a lot of luck, I had a lot of luck that year," he said. "I know things can't get any worse than they were last year. The main thing I hope for is key hits in key situations.

"You can get a lot of hits but if you don't get hits when they're needed you're not doing your job."

Obviously, Carew isn't thinking about retirement, even though he's played 13 big league seasons.

"I know I'll be able to hit as long as I'm healthy," he said. "Hitting won't be a problem. I know my capabilities as a hitter and that's what I try to stay within. I don't try to do more than I can do."

Carew was asked about the toughest pitchers he's faed.

"(Ron) Guidry's tough," he said. "Catfish (Hunter) was tough in the sense that he knew how to pitch. I had problems with Rudy May for years but I've started to catch up with him. (Sparky) Lyle and (Rich) Gossage, they're tough, too.

"When they're getting you out, they're all getting you out. Nobody can get you out when you're swinging the bat good."

The latter comment is usually the case for Rod Carew.

Garvey has another side to clean image

LOS ANGELES — It seems there's no way Steve Garvey can avoid having a manufacturer name a soap after him.

His nickname of "Mr. Clean" has become so imbedded in the public mind that some kids refuse to believe he ever made mud pies.

He is Jimmy Carter in a baseball uniform. His smile may be less toothy than the President's, but it is as permanent as the painting hanging over a fireplace.

Garvey has learned to live the "perfect man" image which has trailed him through most of his 10 years with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"Not really," he said when asked if all the kidding about his super-nice-guy reputation bothered him. "I have had my outbursts of temper just like anyone else, but mine haven't been so visible."

Discovering he did have a temper promopted a reporter to ask just how far it went. "Did you throw a towel on the floor or slam-dunk a candy wrapper in a trash can?" he was asked.

"No," he said, "I guess the maddest I ever got in basball was in a triple-A league when a pitcher friend of mind had to go home when his wife encountered some problems having a baby.

"He was away from the club for a long time after helping the team a lot in the first part of the season. When we won the championship and the team voted on how to split the shares, they left him out.

"It was a despicable display on the players' part. Since he wasn't there, they thought they would take the little extra cash that belonged to him.

"So, I popped off — loud and long. I told them what a dirty deal it was."

It was actually refreshing to hear Garvey could get steamed up, even though it was for a worthy cause.

"I usually get mad when someone is mistreated," he said, "or when people are talked about unfairly.

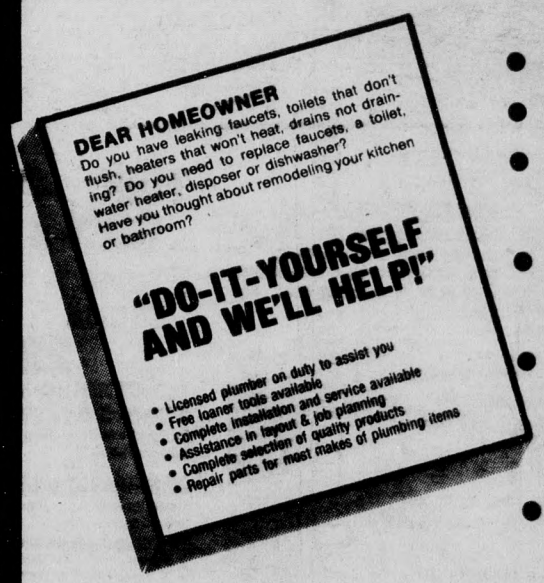
"You have to take a stand when something is unjust."

Garvey, however, is

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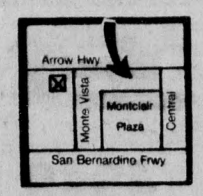


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Japanese baseball continues to grow

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who surpassed American Hank Aaron's record home run total of 755 on Sept. 3, 1977, is the highest paid player in Japan. He reportedly receives $333,333. The minimum wage for a player is $15,000.

Payrolls are not officially disclosed in Japan.

The foreign aid that Japan receives in baseball may not be the best, but it seems to be getting better each year. The 1979 season shows it.

Charlie Manuel, formerly with the Los Angeles Dodgers, helped the Kintetsu Buffaloes win their first Pacific League championship in 30 years.

The 36-year-old Manuel, who is back for his second season with the Buffaloes, was voted the most valuable player — the league's second foreign player in 15 years to win it. He also won the league's home run title, with 37, despite being sidelined for six weeks in midseason after a pitched ball fractured his jaw. He was sixth in the batting race with a .324 average.

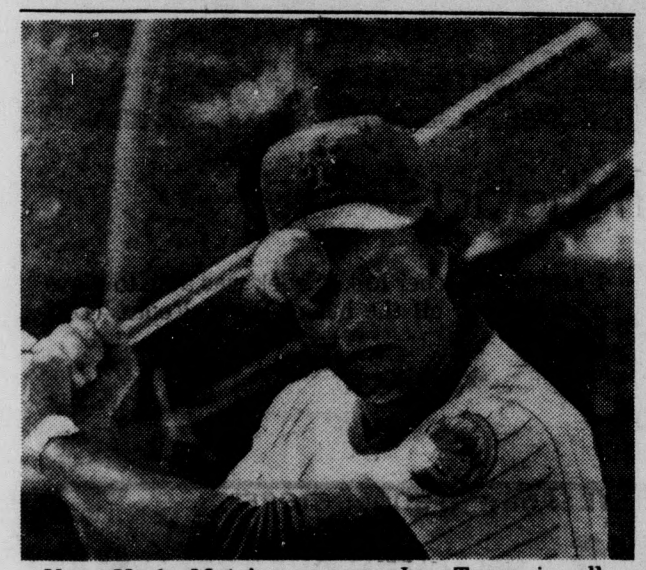
Felix Millan, formerly with the New York Mets and now with the Yokohama Taiyo Whales, won the Central League batting title. The Hanshin Tigers' Mike Reinbach, former major leaguer, and the Giants' John Sipin, formerly with the San Diego Padres, finished high among the Central League hitters, while the Lotte Orions' Lee brothers — Leron and Leon — hit 63 home runs between them.

Leron was formerly with the Los Dngeles Dodgers and Leon played Double A ball in Arkansas.

The Hankyu Braves' second baseman, Bobby Marcano, had another impressive season with 32 home runs and 97 runs batted in, just missing the .300 mark in hitting.

This season, six American newcomers will appear in Japanese uniforms. They are Roy White, 36, who played 13 seasons with the New York Yankees; Tony Solaita, 32, formerly with the Toronto Blue Jays; Skip James, 30, formerly of the San Francisco Giants; Sam Perlozzo, 28, ex-San Diego Padres' farmhand; Mike Dupree, 26, formerly with the Hawaiian Islanders, and Taylor Duncan, 26, who played with the Oakland A's.

Other veterans back in Japan include Jim Lyttle, 33, a former member of the Yankees; Robert Jones, 30, formerly in the California Angels' farm system; Wayne Garrett, 32, ex-New York Mets; Dave Hilton, 27, and Bernie Williams, 31, both formerly with the Padres; Sam Ewing, 30, formerly with the Blue Jays and Carlos May, 31, formerly with the Chicago White Sox.



New York Mets' manager Joe Torre is all concentration as he prepares to hit infield with a fungo bat. Torre, displaying the eye which once made him a feared batter, will attempt to carry the Mets back to respectability in the National League. (AP photo)

Dodgers in West ...

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baseman Mike Ivie recovers from an off-season hand injury.

Color the Padres new, including Jerry Coleman, who was moved from the broadcasting booth to pilot with no previous managerial experience at any level. Shortstop Ozzie Smith is the only infield holdover, joining veteran newcomers Willie Montanez (1B), Dave Cash (2B) and Aurelio Rodriguez (3B).

Another newcomer, Jerry Mumphrey, will be in center field, with superstar Dave Winfield in right but threatening to become a free agent after the season. For the Padres to move up, Wise and Curtis must replace Gaylord Perry and Bob Owchinko on the mound and starter Randy Jones and relief ace Rollie Fingers must regain their old form.

Atlanta, seeking to snap a string of four last-place finishes, has a power-laden lineup featuring right fielder Gary Matthews, third baseman Bob Horner, first baseman Chambliss and left fielder Dale Murphy (last year's first baseman), to bat behind speedy rookie Ed Miller (CF) and Jerry Royster (2B).

All the home runs in the world won't help if Manager Bobby Cox doesn't get some pitching help for 41-year-old knuckleballer Phil Niekro and if bullpenners Hrabosky and Gene Garber can't come back from off-years. The defense, another disaster area, should be better with glove man Luis Gomez, who came from Toronto with Chambliss, at shortstop. Catcher Biff Pocoroba's recovery from shoulder surgery is a must.

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This spring, Willie Mays not playing

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By PETER MATTIACE
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — For the first time in 30 years, baseball Hall of Famer Willie Mays is not running, catching, throwiung or hitting in the warm sun of spring.

Instead, the "Say Hey Kid" is bouncing around the chilly Northeast, talking baseball for a Boardwalk casino hotel.

In the spring, especially, baseball enthusiasts love to listen to Willie Mays.

"I really like talking to kids because I have something to tell them," Mays says. "My message is, 'Hey, I come from a poor family. I didn't have the right education. It wasn't easy, but I made it to the top the hard way.'

"Then I tell them, 'Don't do it the way I did it.'"

The message is important to Mays, now pushing 49. But when a youngster asks Mays whether he would rather be talking to a community group or shagging flies in center field, he answers, "If I could still play, I'd be playing baseball right now."

For 10 days a month, for the next 10 years, Willie Howard Mays Jr. will be a goodwill ambassador for Bally's Park Place casino hotel.

The pay is very good — $100,000 a year to talk at elementary schools, play golf occasionally, say hello to civic groups, greet high-rollers and pose for pictures with bused-in tourists.

"They don't push me to do anything. Whatever I do I want to do. It's good for the hotel and it's good for me," Mays says.

Mays loves to talk baseball — about his great over-the-shoulder catch in the 1954 World Series, about pitchers like Sandy Koufax, Don Newcombe and Robin Roberts, about artifical turf vs. natural grass, about his patented basket catch, and about his New York Giants, his San Francisco Giants and his New York Mets.

In front of children who barely remember him, and older fans who recall every great play, Mays chats like he's bantering with a friend in a neighborhood tavern.

"Wouldn't YOU shake with Koufax on the mound?" he asks a youngster.

"You say the Pirates, I say maybe the Phillies. Let's put a 100 on it and we'll see," he kids an oldtimer.

Unless he is asked, Mays offers little about gambling or the casino hotel or the way Commissioner Bowie Kuhn threw him out of baseball when he took his new job last October.

"I'll tell you just what I told the commissioner," he says. "I cannot gamble. I don't want to gamble. I'm in the community more than I'm in the hotel. I want to serve the people. I don't really see a conflict.

"And I told this to the commissioner," Mays adds. "I said, 'I don't feel I deserve this kind of handling after 22 years in baseball with never a scratch of trouble. I don't think I've damaged baseball with this job. I'd never hurt baseball. Baseball made me. Baseball was very good to me.'"

But with all his major league records, Mays is not embarrassed to say he is looking for financial security now. Park Place President William Weinberger, who adopted former boxing champion Joe Louis for Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, simply offered Mays the security he sought.

"P.R. (public relations) is my field," Mays says.

For the remainder of the month, Mays will make appearances for a major toiletries manufacturer, a New York brokerage firm, a Boston racetrack and a string of Los Angeles-area supermarkets. He still makes his home in Atherton, Calif., near San Francisco, with his second wife, Mae.

"I have a lot of things going for me, but life could change," he says. "I've seen too many guys get to 60 and say, 'That's old.' But that's not old today."

Still, Mays tells child admirers in the ghettos and the suburbs to go to college. His new experiences in the business world make him regret that he ended his

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Getting in the act

Here's the play all fans want to participate in, much to the displeasure of catchers, third basemen and first basemen. Despite the distractions at Wrigley Field last year, San Francisco catcher Mike Sadek was able to glove a foul popup off the bat of Barry Foote. (UPI photo)

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Johnstone finds stadium to his liking

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it. I've always taken care of myself. I know what it takes to play."

Johnstone also likes how tough the Dodgers have played over the years.

"Everytime the club I was with played them they would give you an all-out battle on any day," he said. "Whenever you played them you had to be right on top of your shoes.

"Wills (Maury) would get a bunt hit, steal second and third and come home on a scratch hit. With Koufax (Sandy) pitching, they would win, 1-0. That's what I always admired about them. They hung in there until the last drop of blood.

"It was the Dodger way."

Johnstone thinks the Dodgers have a good chance of winning the National League West this year.

"Every team has improved," he said. "The Dodgers bolstered their pitching staff by bringing in Dave Goltz (Minnesota) and Don Stanhouse (Baltimore). I think we'll win our division, barring injuries."

Johnstone has enjoyed success in both the American and National Leagues with his left-handed hitting. He also can play in the outfield or at first base, which gives the Dodgers considerable protection in a pinch.

He has a .268 batting average for his 14 seasons in the major leagues, but he has been most impressive in the N.L. at .302.

His finest seasons came with the Philadelphia Phillies, where he was managed by Danny Ozark, who has returned to the Dodgers as third base coach.

He batted .329 for the Phils in 1975. In 1977, he socked 15 homeruns and drove in 59 runs while batting .284.

Johnstone began his career in the majors with the California Angels in 1966, but he quickly became a suitcase packer and bounced on to the Chicago White Sox, Oakland Athletics, Philadelphia Phillies, New York Yankees, San Diego Padres and now the Dodgers.

He graduated from Edgewood High School in California, where he was most valuable player as a senior in three sports (baseball, football and basketball).

More importantly, he was lucky in love when he married former actress Mary Jones. As soon as he signed with the Dodgers, he and his wife went out and purchased one of the first three homes in a San Marino area.

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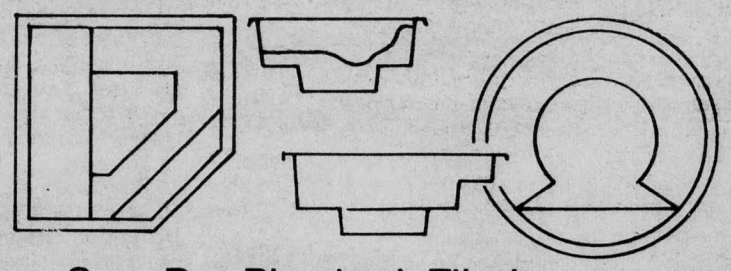
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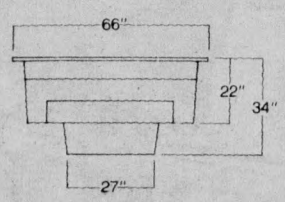
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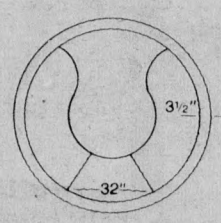
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Sutcliffe an unusual type person

LOS ANGELES — Rick Sutcliffe is a "standout" in so many ways.

He stands 6-6 and (and weighs 200 pounds.)

He has a big heart stuffed with compassion for a teammate in trouble.

He is last season's National League Rookie of the Year.

He gives all the credit for his pitching success to coaches Ron Perranoski and Red Adams.

Add 'em all up, and you've got quite a man — a 23-year-old with the personality of Cary Grant, determination of a bulldog and modesty of Stan Laurel.

While his 17-10 record led him to being voted Rookie of the Year, Sutcliffe may have made a greater contribution to the Dodgers by going to the aid of his pitching buddy, Bob Welch, who was being treated for alcoholism at The Meadows in Arizona. Welch, 23, was a rookie sensation for the Dodgers in 1978. He suffered minor arm trouble in 1979, but an even greater "injury" cropped up when he discovered he had a problem with alcohol. Sure, it was only beer — small or large amounts — but tests revealed he was allergic to it and needed treatment to eliminate it from his life.

Welch, a young man with unusual courage, jumped at the chance to go to the alcoholic rehabilitation center, and he came through the treatment with flying colors.

Welch received a lot of support from the Dodgers, but it was Sutcliffe who may have given him the biggest shot towards recovery. He and his wife of two years, Robin, went to Arizona for a week to be with Welch and help him make an off-season comeback.

"It took a lot of courage by Bobby," Sutcliffe said. "People look at an alcoholic as someone who wakes up in the morning and has to have a drink. But that's not so. You can have a couple of beers at night and be an alcoholic.

"And I didn't do any more for Bobby than he would have done for me."

During a press interview, Welch said Sutcliffe "saved my life" by helping him detour away from the beer bottles.

Sutcliffe was proud of his wife for lending her support to Welch.

"Robin's a great gal," he said. "The year before I married her, I had a 3-10 pitching record. Since we've been married, OUR record is 31-16, including last season's 17-10 in the big leagues.

"She had so much confidence I'd be Rookie of the Year that she went out before the award was announced and bought a Beagle dog — and she named it Rookie."

There wasn't a flicker of hope Sutcliffe would climb such a mountain of success at the start of the 1979 season.

"There were four of us competing for one spot on the pitching staff;" Sutcliffe said. "They had Pete Broberg, Gerald Hannahs, Bobby Castillo and myself. I thoughg Broberg would be the man because of his experience."

But Sutcliffe hung tough and won the spot as long relief man at the close of spring training.

"There was one option left in my contract," he said, "and I was sure I'd be back at Albuquerque for one more year. But I got the break we all look for."

Sutcliffe said it was Perranoski who stuck his neck out many times for him "through the worst and good times."



Pittsburgh pitcher Kent Tekulve and son Christopher share a private moment during spring training earlier this spring. (AP photo)

Garvey ...

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nothing but happy these days for his wife, Cyndy, who has become a big hit with the "A.M. Los Angeles" show on Channel 7.

"I am very proud of her," he said. "In a short period of time, she made as much of an improvement or gain as anyone. She does the show (with Regis Philbin) comfortably and naturally."

What's more, Garvey said his name actually was a detriment to her.

"ABC didn't want to hire her because of my name in baseball," he said. "They go for talent, not the name. That's the way they survive in the ratings, and the show has been rated high since she joined Regis on the program."

Garvey said Cyndy sacrificed so much while he was having a tough time making the grade in baseball that she deserves a chance to do something well on her own.

"She made the sacrifice of letting me go to the Dominican Republic so I could improve as a baseball player in the winter league there," he said. "Then there were many other sacrifices wives of baseball players endure.

"A lot of wives lose their personality because their husbands are the dominant visual force. I like Cyndy having an identity of her own."

The interview was one that Garvey enjoyed not dwelling too much on his outstanding baseball accomplishments, except for the 672 consecutive games he has played for the Dodgers.

"I'll play as long as possible to increase that figure," he said. "I've played with a 104-degree temperature, 22 stitches in my chin, hyper-extended elbow, pulled hamstring and cracked fingers.

"It's all in God's hands as to how long I can go. It probably will be least six more years (he's 31 now). We will see how I feel and take it from there."

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education with a high school diploma in Birmingham, Ala.

"I could have been better in finances. I could have been a better speaker. I could have been a better person," he says.

With a few more years in the majors, Mays also could have been richer.

"I don't like to talk about money and I don't like to down players," he said. "But, Dave Parker (of the Pirates) doesn't really hit as well as I did, he doesn't field like I did and he doesn't run as I did. He's getting $1 million. ... What do you think of that?"





Bill Russell: 11-year National League vet

Russell matures during L.A. stint

LOS ANGELES — Bill Russell is 31 and has weathered 11 National League seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

But he still has the look of a boy ready to go out and shoot a round of marbles. There isn't a trace of change in his youthful appearance, which makes one think his longevity in the major leagues may become a record.

"I don't feel 31," the swift shortstop said. "But one of these days it's all going to hit me, and I'll be another one of those oldtimers with a pot belly and skinny legs."

"Ropes" thinks he could play seven more years judging from the way he feels physically.

"I've got five years to go on my contract, and I think I will be able to sign for two more years after that," he said.

"When you come out of a small Pittsburg, Kansas, high school, the odds are against you to make the major leagues. And the odds must be phenomenal to become a millionaire with the contract I now have.

"I've slowed down a bit. But, for a white guy, I still run pretty good."

Pittsburg hasn't forgotten its shy redhead.

"They hold special days for me, like a reunion," Russell said. "Things like that and the baseball fans helped me get rid of the shyness I had when I first came up."

Writers used to refer to Russell as another Gary Cooper, what with his answers of "yup," "no," or "yes" to complicated questions which demanded more extensive answers.

And he would talk so softly it was difficult to hear the brief replies.

But Russell has grown from a small town boy to a big city star, and he can hold his own with the best of them in answering even the toughest of questions.

What about the boos he sometimes receives for making an error at his tough shortstop position?

"You can't let the boos or errors bother you," he said. "You have plenty of fielding chances and batting opportunities to make up for them.

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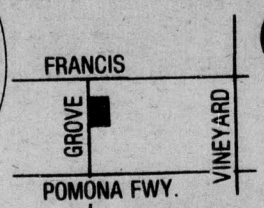
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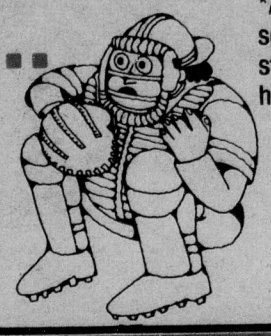
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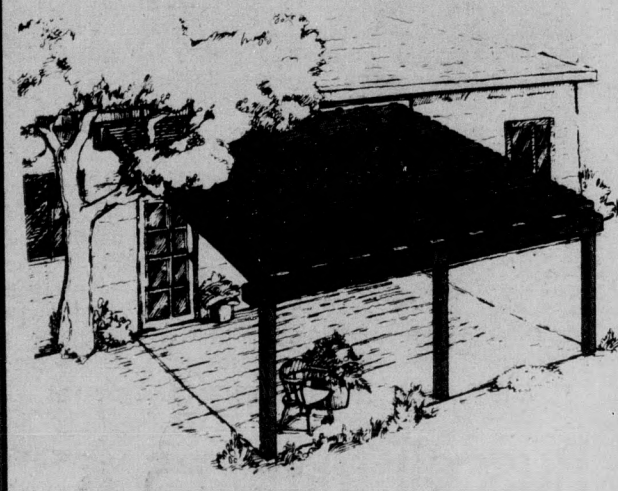
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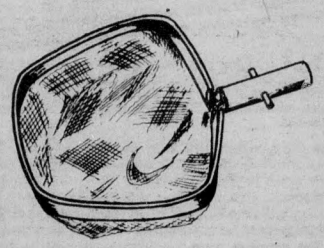
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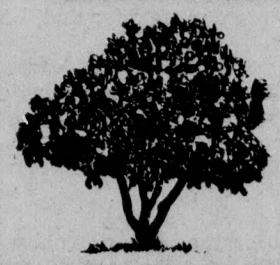
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